GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6567
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
LEVEL OF PLATFORMS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all railway coaches and engines are of standard height in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the discrepancy between the height of the platform and the railway coach remains abnormally high;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise the level of platforms at all the stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6567 BY SHF BRAHMANAIAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.05.2002 REGARDING LEVEL OF PLATFORMS

(a) to (e) All the railway coaches and engines are of standard height and Railways have standardized three levels for platforms, i.e. Rail level, Low level and High level.Passenger Amenities, including the level of platforms, are provided at stations as per the laid down norms based on the volume of passenger traffic and earnings therefrom. It is Railways` constant endeavour to provide the amenities as per the laid down norms. Norms for deciding the level of platform are as under:

S.No.	Catgory	Criteria for Categorisation	Level of Platform Required
1	A	Non suburban stations with annual passenger earnings of Rs. 6 crore and above	High Level
2	B	Non suburban stations with annual passenger earnings between Rs. 3 and 6 crore; and stations of tourist importance, or an important junction (to be decided by General Manager)	Low Level
3	C	All suburban stations	High Level
4	D	Non suburban stations with annual passenger earnings between 1 and 3 crore	Low Level
5	E	Non suburban stations with annual passenger earnings less than 1 crore	Rail Level

6 F Halts Rail Level

Every year Railways are raising level of platforms at some stations for the convenience of the passengers. This is a continuous process and undertaken on the basis of need and availability of funds.